

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: : 10/806,021 **Confirmation No.** 1974
Applicant: : Ehrich, et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Sir:

A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of August 18, 2008, with a three-month shortened statutory period set to expire on November 18, 2008, Applicants respectfully request a continued examination of the present application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in light of the following remarks and amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461.